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[Three-part message complete]

[Part I]

[41 groups unrecovered]

strangers [3 groups unrecovered]

[28 groups unrecoverable]

.....GNOME[... .GNOM]"[a][i] we shall have to think also of her<sup>[ii]</sup> safety, and this complicates our work. In your work in future bear in mind that "KLAVA's"<sup>[iii]</sup> presence in the "COUNTRYSIDE[DEREVNIA]"<sup>[iv]</sup> greatly complicates the "GNOME[GNOM]" project[b]

[38 groups unrecoverable]

may be attained only by observing the greatest care, secrecy[KONSPIRATIVNOST'] and attention to detail [4 groups unrecovered] execution of the manoeuvre with "GASTRONOME[GASTRONOM]"<sup>[v]</sup>

[42 groups unrecoverable]

what you think in connection with "YURLJ's"<sup>[vi]</sup> departure

[21 groups unrecovered]

, that "GASTRONOME"

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[62 groups unrecovered]

"GNOME" on completely new organizational

[43 groups unrecoverable]

you [2 groups unrecovered] the political and practical aspects of this project. [b]  
 The political side of the business should include bringing to light through your  
 existing agents [AGENTURA] and other resources

[41 groups unrecoverable]

[Part II] The practical side of the business includes the detailed study of "GNOME's"  
 hospital [vii] routine and activities, what sort of watch is kept on him by the  
 special agents [AGENTURA] of the COMPETITORS [KONKURENTY] and [5 groups unrecovered],  
 shedding light on people who

[25 groups unrecoverable]

[75 groups unrecovered]

through legal check points, which applies even with "iron [viii] repeat iron  
 documents". He is too well-known from photographs [3 groups unrecovered]  
 detained with any documents. He should be taken out

[36 groups unrecoverable]

and

[34 groups unrecovered]

"GNOME" out of the "COUNTRYSIDE"

[31 groups unrecovered]

to you instructions and

[24 groups unrecovered]

[Of recently "GNOME"]

[57 groups unrecovered]

"JUAN [KHUAN]" [ix] never

[61 groups unrecovered]

about his departure from the "COUNTRYSIDE" and trip to MOSCOW [1 group unrecovered]

[Part III]

[148 groups unrecovered]

trip to CUBA to engage in [12 groups unrecovered].  
 Do not interfere in his personal affairs, however

[42 groups unrecoverable]

work, as continued existence without visible [B% means] of support endangers the  
 business [DELO] and him himself. We do not approve of "ANTON's" [x] [1 group]

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unrecovered] conduct. Explain to him that

[43 groups unrecoverable]

[19 groups unrecovered]

"ANTON" that such un...

[22 groups unrecovered]

No. [0% 150]

[Signature unrecoverable]

Notes: [a] There are fair indications that this cover-name is "GNOME" and could not have been "GASTRONOME".

[b] 'project' or 'affair' [DELO].

Comments: [i] GNOME : Jacques MORNAUD.

[ii] Probably refers to "KLAVA".

[iii] KLAVA : Caridad MERCADER, mother of Jacques MORNAUD.

[iv] COUNTRYSIDE: MEXICO.

[v] GASTRONOME: Unidentified cover-name.

[vi] YURLJ : Lev TARASOV, 1st Secretary at the Soviet Embassy in MEXICO CITY until December 1944.

[vii] 'hospital': Thought to be cover-word for "prison".

[viii] "iron documents": MGB jargon for genuine, as opposed to forged, documents.

[ix] JUAN : Possibly Juan GAYTAN GODOY.

[x] ANTON : Unidentified cover-name.

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